

## The Bloomfield Citizen.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9, 1886.

## What Next?

The following circular letter has been issued in the interest of the Prohibition candidate for Assembly:

DEAR SIR: Mr. David F. Merritt, of Montclair, has been nominated as the Prohibition candidate for the Assembly in the First District of Essex County.

At the last election, when he was also a candidate, our vote was 457 in a total of 2,793 (should be 2,973). Mr. Underhill, Republican, being elected by but 24 votes. The contest this year will be between Mr. Merritt and the Democratic nominee. A vote for the Republican will be a vote thrown away. Our party is much stronger and better organized than last year, and the nomination of so excellent and popular a man as General Clinton B. Plak for Governor, is adding to its strength daily. If each man who voted for Mr. Merritt last year will make a personal effort to secure two other votes, those, with his own, will give us success. Our cause and candidates are worthy. May we not depend upon you to this extent? Please answer, and address, Yours, etc.,

EDMUND A. SMITH,  
Glen Ridge, N. J.  
Sept. 11, 1886.

If the above were sent out as a campaign joke we should let it stand as one of the best of the season. It is intended, however, to convince some credulous persons that there is a reasonable certainty of the election of the Prohibition ticket.

The vote for Assemblyman, in Nov. 1885, stood as follows: Underhill, Republican, 1269; Ahlborn, Democrat, 1247; Merritt, Prohibition, 457. The whole vote cast was 2973. It will therefore be seen that the Prohibition ticket had less than one in six of all votes cast.

The chief loss to the Republican candidate was in this township, where personal feeling entered into the canvass to an unusual extent. But for this circumstance, many of these votes would never have been cast for the Prohibition candidate, and cannot be counted upon in the present election. The assumption therefore, that "the contest this year will be between Mr. Merritt and the Democratic nominee," is so unwarranted as to suggest a question of the sanity or honesty of the Prohibition leaders.

No doubt if the Republican party shall be disrupted, and if every man who voted for Mr. Merritt last year will do so again, and if every such man carries in his vest-pocket two other votes, which he will deliver to the Prohibition candidate on election day, he will be elected, that is if the Democratic ticket is not so swollen by the disruption of the said Republican party as to command a majority of votes.

We have hitherto given the adherents of the Prohibition party the credit of honesty in their convictions. The present circular would seem to indicate that past successes have completely turned the heads of the leaders of this third party movement. It must be remembered that as yet no candidate has been chosen by either of the parties; yet a deliberate attempt is making to so split the Republican party as to give the election to the Democratic candidate whoever he may be. This, too, in a year when a U. S. Senator is to be elected, and when a single vote may throw both branches of the National government into Democratic hands. Is it too much to say that this is the exact result aimed at? At least, such a termination of the canvass would please them greatly. The Prohibition leaders do not like to have it said that their party is but a tail to the Democratic kite, yet they push their canvass with vigor, realizing that the only result of a considerable Republican bolt will be the election of the Democratic ticket. At the same time they know and admit that no temperance legislation can be expected from a Democratic Assembly, and that the majority of the old Republican associates are clearly opposed to their plans and purposes.

The present appeal for votes is conceived in the worst spirit of party hate and rancor. It is upon its face an astonishing piece of political jugglery to emanate from a party of temperance, who claim to act from the purest motives, and to conduct their canvass upon a high moral plane. We are driven to ask—what next?

## Atlantic City Sewage.

At the request of THE CITIZEN, Mr. Duffield kindly agreed to investigate the sewage system of Atlantic City while on a visit to that place. We had heard that it gave satisfaction, and wished the evidence of an eye witness. As will be seen from his letter, published this week on our last page, he seems to have been wonderfully well pleased with what he saw and smelled—or rather did not smell.

The committee having the sewage matter in hand are hard at work and will doubtless soon have something interesting to communicate. Pending their report, our columns are open to

anything that will throw light on the subject. With the people awake and a live committee in charge, we may possess our souls in peace for the time being.

## Homely Words on Homely Subjects.

A prejudice against public schools still exists in some minds. With all their conceded advantages some oppose them because of their lack of religious teaching; some because of their excessive democracy. Private schools to a considerable extent meet the requirements of these unsatisfied people. There is another class unable to pay for private teaching, and unwilling to avail themselves of public facilities, whose children are permitted to grow up ignoramus, because of their parents' foolish pride. This poor pride exists in the families of those who think themselves too good to associate with the children of working people. It is the outcome of the lofty contempt for work so common among Americans; a contempt which much stern experience of poverty scarcely eradicates. Yet truth compels the acknowledgment that an income is valuable even at the risk of soiled hands, and that no amount of tophianness can atone for the lack of a knowledge of reading, writing and arithmetic. The thin veil of wounded pride worn by such people is easily penetrated by the keen eye of the world, with the certainty that curiosity will in many cases issue only in contempt, seeing how foolishly they waste their opportunities.

The increase of schools and colleges, libraries, cheap books and papers, has had a marked effect within a few years in advancing the intelligence of the community. It has not perhaps increased the number of scholars and professional men so greatly as the number of educated business men. College men are known in every profession and branch of manufacturing, mining and commercial work. High school graduates fill the most important offices of private and public business. The practical education is that which develops live and practical men. It is no longer wise to imagine success dependent upon family name, education, or opportunities. Push and enterprise are required even to maintain a good position, much more to gain one.

How pitiful then to see young men dawdling away time which should be spent in acquiring business position and experience in hunting, fishing, dressing, and idly boasting of trifling accomplishments. By-and-by they will discover that the time has passed, and they are doomed to a life-time of discouragement and idleness.

Lack of space forbids extended comment on the Republican convention. It was a wise and prudent body: it made a model platform and a safe nomination. Every honest and sincere Republican should be able to endorse both by voice and vote. Believers in free run or free trade, whether called Democrats or Prohibitionists will of course unite in opposition.

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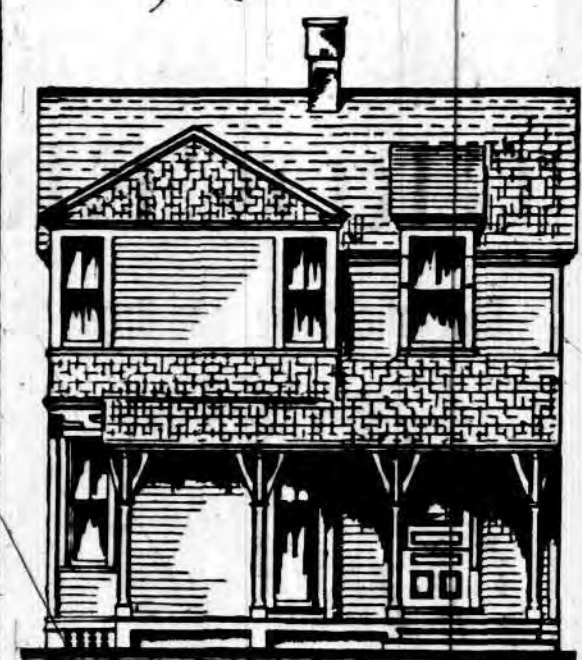
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